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**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Illinois Commerce Commission  
RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Petition for permission to make a major change in crossing  
Protection or to install new protection under 92 Illinois  
Administrative Code 1535.400(d).

X-11537  
T00-0060

January 16, 2001

To The Illinois Commerce Commission:

The petitioner **BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY** shows:  
(name of railroad company)

- (1) That it is a railroad company operating a line of railroad in the State of Illinois.
- (2) That petitioner proposes and hereby makes application for authority to make a major change in crossing protection, or to install new protection, under 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.400(d) adopted by the Commission.
- (3) That the location of the crossing, the nature of protection now established and proposed to be established, and other pertinent facts in connection therewith, are set forth in the statement attached to and forming part of this petition.
- (4) That petitioner's reasons and purpose, with reference to its said proposals are:  
(state reasons and purpose)

**Install new automatic flashing light signals with gates and bell, install remote monitor,  
controlled by constant warning circuitry, per ICC Agreement dated June 9, 2000.**

- (5) That the facts set forth in this petition and in the statement and plans or plats attached thereto, are, all of them, true and correct to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that the Commission will, if deemed desirable by the Commission, set the aforesaid matter for hearing, and that the Commission enter an order or adopt a resolution consenting to and granting authority for the making of the said proposed changes in or additions to crossing protection.

**BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY**  
(Railroad Company)

By: A. J. Lehman  
A. J. Lehman, Manager Signals

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(Attorney for Petitioner)

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(Attorney's Address)

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Statement attached to and part of an application for permission to make a major change in crossing protection or to install new protection under 92 IL. Admn. Code 1535.400(d)

- (1) Name of Railroad Company: **BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY**
- (2) Crossing No. **004757W** (separate statement should be filed for each crossing.)
- (3) Village of City: **Pontoosuc** (in or near)
- (4) Name of Street or Highway: **Mercer Road**
- (5) Public Agency Maintaining Highway **Village** (DOT, County, Township, City)
- (6) Protection now established: **AFLS/Gates** (Give full description. Indicate the hours of any manual protection.)
- (7) Protection desired: (give details) **AFLS w/gates, controlled by constant warning circuitry**
- (8) Number of main tracks: **2** Other tracks: **0**
- (9) Number of passenger train movements: 6AM to 6PM **1** 6PM to 6AM **1**
- (10) Number of freight train movements: : 6AM to 6PM **20** 6PM to 6AM **20**
- (11) Approximate number of switch movements: 6AM to 6PM **0** 6PM to 6AM **0**
- (12) Maximum speed of trains at crossing in ea track in ea direction: Freight **70** MPH Passenger **79** MPH.
- (13) Passenger platforms served by tracks within the limits of track circuits, if any: **N/A**.
- (14) Where automatic signals or gates are proposed, approximate number of train or engine movements daily which would cause false indications or operation: **N/A**
- (15) Nature and approximate amount of street or highway traffic over crossing: **59**
- (16) In addition to the information listed hereinbefore in Form 3, attach a track plan or plat of the proposed crossing. This plan should show:
  - (a) Width and surface of highway
  - (b) Highway intersections (including private driveways to be so indicated) and location of established highway signs or signals within 100 feet of crossing.
  - (c) Location of tracks, switches and other railroad facilities such as block signals, etc., within limits of track circuits, present and/or proposed.
  - (d) Where automatic protection is proposed, show proposed location of signals (side lights, cantilevers, etc, if any).
  - (e) Show the length of each operating track section within the control limits of the crossing protection and its function.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VERIFICATION**

I, Anthony J. Lehman, first being duly sworn under oath depose and say that I am Manager Signals of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, a Delaware Corporation, that I have read the above and foregoing petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance in fact, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true.

  
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Manager Signals (name)

**January 16, 2001** (date)